PAYMENT BOND

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: that
(Name of Contractor)
(Address of Contractor) ahereinafter called PRINCIPAL and (Corporation, Partnership or Individual)
(Name of Surety)
(Mailing Address of Surety)
(Physical Address of Surety)
(Telephone Number, including area code, of Surety) hereinafter called SURETY , are held and firmly bound unto
(Name of Owner)
(Address of Owner)
hereinafter called OWNER and unto all persons, firms, and corporations who or which may furnish labo or who furnish materials to perform as described under the contract and to their successors and assigns in the total aggregate penal sum of DOLLARS
(\$) in lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.
THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is such that whereas, the PRINCIPAL entered into a certain contract with the OWNER, dated the day of,, a copy of which is hereto attached and made a part hereof for the construction of:

NOW, THEREFORE, if the PRINCIPAL shall promptly make payment to all persons, firms, and corporations furnishing materials for or performing labor in the prosecution of the WORK provided for in such contract, and any authorized extensions or modification thereof, including all amounts due for materials, lubricants, oil, gasoline, coal and coke, repairs on machinery, equipment and tools, consumed or used in connection with the construction of such WORK, and for all labor cost incurred in such WORK including that by a SUBCONTRACTOR, and to any laborer, mechanic or materialman lienholder whether it acquires its lien by operation of State or Federal law; then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, that beneficiaries or claimants hereunder shall be limited to the **SUBCONTRACTORS**, and persons, firms, and corporations having a direct contract with the **PRINCIPAL** or its **SUBCONTRACTORS**.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that the said **SURETY** for value received hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the contract or to the **WORK** to be performed thereunder or the **SPECIFICATIONS** accompanying the same shall in any way affect its obligation on this **BOND**, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of this contract or to the WORK or to the SPECIFICATIONS.

PROVIDED, **FURTHER**, that no suit or action shall be commenced hereunder by any claimant:

- (a) Unless claimant shall have given the notice or notices required by applicable state law, in the manner required by applicable state law and within the time limits prescribed by applicable state law; or
- (b) After the expiration of the minimum period of limitation permitted by applicable state law.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that it is expressly agreed that this **BOND** shall be deemed amended automatically and immediately, without formal and separate amendments hereto, upon amendment to the Contract not increasing the contract price more than 15 percent, so as to bind the **PRINCIPAL** and the **SURETY** to the full and faithful performance of the Contract as so amended. The term "Amendment", wherever used in this **BOND** and whether referring to this **BOND**, the contract or the loan Documents shall include any alteration, addition, extension or modification of any character whatsoever.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that no final settlement between the **OWNER** and the **CONTRACTOR** shall abridge the right of any beneficiary hereunder, whose claim may be unsatisfied.

	rument is executed in counterparts, each of which shall be day of
PRINCIPAL:	
	Name:Address:
ATTEST:	If a Corporation By:
Name:Title:	Title:
(SEAL)	
Witness:	
Name:Address:	
SURETY:	Name:Address:
ATTEST:	By:
Name:Title:	Title:
(SEAL)	
OWNER APPROVAL:	
The OWNER approves the form o	f this Payment Bond.
Date:	Name:Address:
ATTEST:	By: Name:
Secretary	Title:

(SEAL)

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Individual Principal)

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF)		
This instrument was ack	nowledged before me on	by	·
(SEAL)			
	Notary Public,	State of Texas	
		EDGEMENT e Principal)	
STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF)		
This instrument was ack of	nowledged before me on, a Texas corporat	by ion, on behalf of said co	, President orporation.
(SEAL)			
	Notary Public,	State of Texas	
		EDGEMENT rety)	
STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF)		
	nowledged before me on (title or capacity) of ion, on behalf of said corporat		(name), (name of corporate surety), a
(SEAL)			
	Notary Public,	State of Texas	
		EDGEMENT vner)	
STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF)		
This instrument was ack	nowledged before me on	by	(name),
(type of e	nowledged before me on (title or capacity) of entity), on behalf of said	(type	(name of owner), a e of entity).
(SEAL)			
	Notary Public,	State of Texas	

NOTES:

- 1. The date of the Bond must not be prior to the date of the Contract.
- 2. The amount of the Bond must not be less than the amount of the Contract.
- 3. If the contractor is a partnership, all partners should execute the Bond.

If the contractor is a corporation, the Bond must be executed by an authorized official of the corporation. Authorization should be evidenced by a corporate resolution.

- 4. The surety must:
 - (a) be a corporation which is authorized to conduct business in the State of Texas;
 - (b) be a corporation which is licensed by the State of Texas to execute bonds as a surety; and
 - (c) must appear on the Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended). See the FMI.
- 5. The Bond must be executed by an authorized representative of the surety. Ordinarily, Bonds are signed by an attorney-in-fact or agent of the surety. The person signing the Bond for the surety should provide a copy of the power of attorney or other evidence of their authority to act on behalf of the surety.
- 6. The payment bond and the contract must be filed with the county clerk of the county in which is located all or part of the borrower's property on which construction or repair is being performed or is to be performed. [§ 53.203, Texas Property Code] The filing fee shall be paid by the borrower or by the contractor.
- 7. The owner's attorney must review the construction contract, other contract documents and the payment and performance bonds. The attorney must certify in writing that these documents are adequate and that the persons signing these documents have been property authorized to do so. RUS Instruction 1780, § 1780.61 (b).